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For: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR  
DETERMINING THE ACTIVITY OF  
ENZYMES IN LIQUIDS, OR THE  
CONCENTRATION AND/OR ACTIVITY  
OF INHIBITORS IN LIQUIDS) Gerald T. Shekleton Reg. No. 27,466 Date

Examiner: W. Beisner

**AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Office Action of June 22, 1998 has been carefully reviewed and the following amendments and remarks are made in response thereto.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-6 and 23-28, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 7, 8, 13, 16-19, 21, 22, 29-32, 35-37, 39-41, 44-46, 48-50, 53-55, 57-59 follows:

7. (Amended) A device for the [continuous and automatic] measurement of the [concentration and] activity of an enzyme in liquids in a vessel, said device having a column for